

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1 to 8 (Canceled).

9 (Currently Amended).      A structure prepared from a vertebral body including having a native cancellous bone volume that has been altered to comprise comprising a cavity wholly within the vertebral body peripherally defined by a layer of cancellous bone that has been compressed to form a compressed bone region ~~that peripherally defines a cavity~~, a bone filling material in the cavity, and another region of substantially uncompressed cancellous bone occupying at least a portion of the remaining ~~native~~-cancellous bone volume.

10 (Currently Amended).      A ~~vertebral body~~ structure according to claim 9  
wherein the compressed bone region comprises a barrier substantially inhibiting extravazation of a bone filling material from the cavity.

11 (Currently Amended).      A ~~vertebral body~~ structure according to claim 9  
wherein the compressed bone region comprises a shell substantially inhibiting extravazation of a bone filling material from the cavity.

12 (Currently Amended).      A ~~vertebral body~~ structure according to claim 10  
wherein the bone filling material comprises bone cement.

13 (Currently Amended).      A ~~vertebral body~~ structure according to claim 10  
wherein the bone filling material comprises bone graft material.

14 to 20 (Canceled).